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POLITICAL

1. Skogists to Split from Dissident Social Democratic Union (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

The largest Social Democratic Union to break away from the now Skogist and Communist controlled Trade Union Confederation (SAK), the Woodworkers' Federation with a total membership of 17,000, has been the target of special efforts by the Skogist SAK leadership to nullify or reduce the impact of the union's decision. A meeting this week of 35 Skogist and 43 Communist delegates from union locals, called at the instigation of Skogist Acting Chairman of SAK, Vihtori RANTANEN, and unofficially representing at most 6,000 members of the union's total membership, decided to establish a new Skogist Woodworkers' Union. The founding date for the projected union has been variously reported as August and October, 1960, but the latter estimate, which would coincide with the regular Council meeting of the Woodworkers' Federation, is given most credence by the press. At the October meeting the union will have to take its final position on an earlier decision disassociating the union from SAK.

Also this week the Railway Engineers' Federation, with 5,000 members, decided to take a referendum early in August in the question of continued affiliation with SAK. The union is largely Social Democratic.

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The division of the Woodworkers' Federation has been expected since June 15, when the announcement of its withdrawal from SAK was made public. The intricate tactics of the Skogists, now benefitting from the sanction and prestige of the SAK name, have tended to mislead the rank and file. The possibility that the new union will be Communist dominated has not aroused particular alarm. The press had been increasingly critical of the Social Democrats for leaving the field to the Skogists and Communists and assert they are participating in an internal political feud which can only bring unrest to the labor market.

2. New Espionage Case Revealed (UNCLASSIFIED)

A former Finnish border infantryman in the Suomussalmi area, Eljas TAPANINEN, has been arrested for espionage. He is alleged to have crossed the Fenno-Soviet border on several occasions to deliver secret information "to a foreign power". A small farmer in the Suomussalmi region, Eino KYLLÖNEN, has also been taken into custody for questioning. Kyllönen's brother, Aatos, subsequent to interrogation in connection with the case, committed suicide.

PSYCHOLOGICAL (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. RB-47

Principal pro-western Helsinki dailies emphasize two factors in the Soviet destruction of the American RB-47 plane -- increased danger to peace and Soviet exploitation of the incident for propaganda purposes.

In view of communist espionage practices, it is astonishing that the Soviet Union should raise such a commotion over the downing of the RB-47, said HELSINGIN SANOMAT. It observed that the U-2 incident was utilized to wreck the summit and now the assault on the RB-47 is employed as a propaganda weapon brandished during the National Democratic Convention. News of the incident was apparently kept secret for that purpose, the editorial noted, adding "In countries where there is no free dissemination of information, news blackouts are common to serve propagandistic purposes of a government."

UUSI SUOMI, HUFVUDSTADSBLADET and SUOMEN SOSIALIDEMOKRAATTI underscored the contradictory statements by the United States and Soviet Union, insisting that "both big powers cannot be right." UUSI SUOMI contended that the "truth may remain unclear for all time." The three newspapers nonetheless underlined the new menace to peaceful international relations. SOSIALIDEMOKRAATTI added that the Tass announcement of the incident was "sensational" in view of the fact the Russians at first aided the search for the plane.

MAAKANSA likewise expressed alarm over the incident and said "such cases cannot serve to increase the Soviet people's sympathies for the

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U.S..." and "...Moscow will do all it can to make this incident strengthen the anti-American feelings which have been detectable among U.S. allies..."

PÄIVÄN SANOMAT (Social Democratic Opposition) and KANSAN UUTISET (Communist) suggested that Finland "cannot remain indifferent" to such flights. The former daily reminded its readers of Finland's friendship and mutual assistance treaty with the USSR, while the communist organ noted that "people here are aware that the American war provocateurs are playing with fire..."

4. The Kennedy Nomination

Youth now prevails in American politics is the consensus of at least three important Helsinki daily journals which note a change in American thinking as the result of Senator KENNEDY's presidential nomination by the Democrats.

The Swedish-language NYA PRESSEN quoted Colonel PICKERING's exuberant compliment of Prof. HIGGINS in "My Fair Lady", -- "Tonight, old man, you did it!" "Since in all probability it can be reckoned that Richard NIXON will be the Republican nominee, we can now say that the presidential election of 1960 becomes an election of 40-year-olds.... There is no longer talk about log cabins and pioneer camps."

SOSIALIDEMOKRAATTI: "...(Kennedy's) nomination and his victory over older, well-known politicians ... show that opinions have changed. Old men who hitherto have led the (U.S.), may be too inflexible and sclerotic to handle modern politics...."

HELSINGIN SANOMAT: "Kennedy's nomination signifies that new winds are blowing in the political skies of the United States. The present highest leadership of the country has been criticized... for lack of activity.... Despite his youth, Kennedy is an energetic politician. When, despite his Catholic faith, he is nominated to run for the high public office, it indicates that the importance of faith is lessening and that personal characteristics are coming more to the fore in the political thinking of the Americans."

5. Castro and Khrushchev

KHRUSHCHEV's threats to use rockets against America in the Cuban crisis has converted the dispute between the Island republic and the U.S. into a major political problem, according to two Helsinki newspapers.

HELSINGIN SANOMAT criticizes CASTRO for turning upon its "big and ever helpful neighbor.... "Khrushchev's threat to use Soviet military power may be only a "rhetorical gesture", it said, "the inexperienced Castro may be promoted by it to take ever sharper measures in his own

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country and against America..."

The Soviet leader's warning to America has shifted the Cuban-U.S. tug-of-war into a new phase, observes NYA PRESSEN.

"When the Soviet Union's outworks in Europe began to crack in their joints -- in Hungary -- Moscow struck with great and merciless power. On that occasion the United States remained quiet... Had it not happened so, it is possible that world peace would have been at stake. Should the Americans now find themselves forced to interfere in Cuba, they have at least Khrushchev's words that the East will not stand by passive..."

6. Finland-Communist Bloc Exchanges

Polish Architect Delegation in Finland

A delegation of five Polish architects is in Finland on a 10-day visit under sponsorship of the Finland-Poland Society and the Finnish Architects' Association. They are: Zygmunt ZKIBNIEWSKI, president of Poland's Architecture and City Planning Committee, who leads the group; Adam KOTARBINSKI, director of the Architecture and City Planning Institute; Stefan DOWNAROWICZ, director of Poland's Building Standardization Bureau; Czeslaw WYKA, chief architect of Gdansk, and Stanislaw POLSKI, chief architect of Poland's northern provinces. They will study architecture and city planning in Helsinki, Lahti and Turku.

Parliamentary Agricultural Committee Group Visits East Germany

A delegation of the Finnish Parliament's Agricultural Committee departed July 12 for a visit to East Germany at the invitation of the East German People's Chamber's agricultural committee. The delegation is led by Viljami KALLIOKOSKI (Agrarian) and the members are: Armas HÄRKÖNEN (Social Democratic Opposition), Elis MANNINEN (Social Democrat), Niilo NIEMINEN (Communist) and V. E. NIEMINEN (Conservative). The group will study agricultural problems in East Germany and visit an agricultural fair.

Metal Workers' Union Has Czechoslovakian Guests

A three-member delegation of Czechoslovakia's Metal Workers' Union arrived July 12 in Helsinki as guests of the Finnish Metal Workers' Union. The group is led by Karel KUBIN, vice chairman of the Czechoslovakian Metal Workers' Union.

SAK Group Visits Poland

A four-member delegation of the Finnish Trade Unions' Central Association (SAK) is currently visiting Poland at the invitation of the Polish Trade Union Association. The group is led by Leo PIITULAINEN, a Skogist.

7. Finland-Free World Exchanges

18 South Carolinians Visit Helsinki

Eighteen prominent South Carolina business and professional leaders, headed by E. J. CHAFFIN, editor of the Greenwood, S.C. INDEX-JOURNAL, scheduled a weekend visit in Helsinki in the interest of the President's People-to-People Program. The delegation will proceed to Moscow Sunday night.

Virginia Port Authority Tourists Guests of Helsinki

More than 165 Virginia citizens on a European tour by ship visited Helsinki for five hours July 13 when the new liner Victoria docked here. A group of 30, headed by former Governor BATTLE, visited city hall where the Port Authority presented to city officials food and tobacco products of Virginia.

MILITARY (UNCLASSIFIED)

NAVY

8. Naval Visit of USS BARRY

The four day naval visit of the USS BARRY (DD 933), with Rear Admiral Arthur R. GRALLA embarked, ended on 12 July. There were no incidents involving naval personnel, press coverage was 40% greater than that of the British Naval Squadron visit in May, and Finnish contacts all stated that the visit was an outstanding success.

The press coverage of the wreath laying ceremonies at the War Heroes Cross and Marshal MANNERHEIM's Tomb was excellent. Entertainment for naval personnel by the Finns included dances, Sauna and visits to various factories and museums.

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